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Cubans Release U.S. Prisoner

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Havana — Peter John Lambton, a British-born American serving a 25-year prison sentence in Cuba, has been released and left Cuba Monday, the British Embassy announced.

He was among four British subjects to be released after a year of negotiation between British diplomats and the Cuban Government, British Ambassador Sir Herbert Stanley Merchant told newsmen.

Mr. Lambton holds both British and American citizenship.

Escape and Recapture

Mr. Lambton, about 27, was sentenced on Dec. 8, 1959, after being convicted of "acts against the sovereignty of the state." He and another American, Frank Austin Young of Miami, were accused of helping anti-Castro counterrevolutionaries in the hills of Pinar del Rio. Both contended they had come to Cuba to take pictures of anti-Castro forces but the prosecution produced photographs showing Messrs. Lambton and Young armed to the teeth.

Mr. Young was sentenced to 30 years. He escaped the day after sentencing but was recaptured within 24 hours.

Subjects Identified

Mr. Lambton's name was among those of 22 American prisoners on a list brought out of Cuba in December by a correspondent for the magazine, the Nation. The correspondent, Jesse Gordon, said he obtained the list from Swiss embassy sources after New York attorney James B. Donovan had gone to Cuba to negotiate the release of Cuban prisoners captured in the Bay of Pigs invasion.

There have been subsequent negotiations to win freedom for the 22 Americans.